

REMARKS

Claims 24-42 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 24-42 are added. Claims 1-23 have been canceled to be pursued in a Continuation application. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005 rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005 also rejected claims 1-2 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0146122 to Vestergaard et al. (hereinafter “Vestergaard”); rejected claims 3-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vestergaard in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,594,792 to Chouraki et al. (hereinafter “Chouraki”); and rejected claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vestergaard. Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, these rejections are moot. However, these rejections are traversed in so far as they apply to new claims 24-42.

That is, new claims 24-42 meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Further, Vestergaard and Chouraki, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the features in new claims 24-42.

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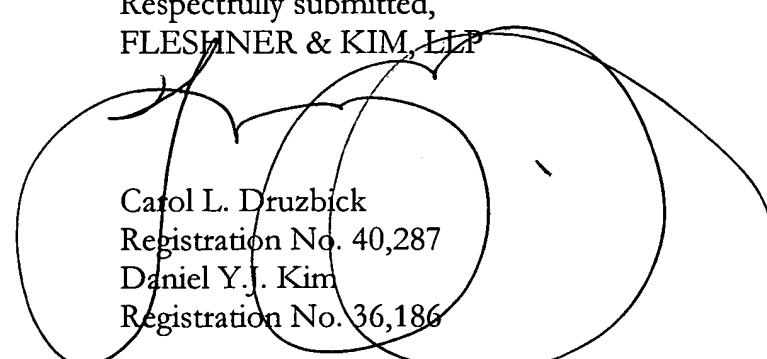
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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